

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Irene roared across Vermont on August 28, 2011, becoming the state's most devastating natural disaster since the Great Flood of 1927; and

WHEREAS, six Vermonters lost their lives as a result of Tropical Storm Irene; and

WHEREAS, Irene destroyed 1,000 homes and 500 miles of state roads, damaged 3,500 homes and businesses, 200 bridges, railways and 1,000 culverts, and left entire towns cut off from the rest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's response was extraordinary with countless examples of neighbor helping neighbor and stranger helping stranger; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the collective efforts and good will of thousands of individuals, businesses, organizations, and state, local, and federal officials, Vermont was rebuilt stronger than when Tropical Storm Irene found us; and

WHEREAS, August 28, 2016 marks the fifth anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene; and

WHEREAS, while recognizing that Vermonters have accomplished a great deal the past five years, we acknowledge that for many, recovery from Irene will never be fully complete; and

WHEREAS, We Are Vermont Strong;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2016 as

TROPICAL STORM IRENE COMMEMORATION DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of August, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor